

**▶ TODAY'S VERSE**

John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (ESV)

**▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Ryan Larrance, 29, smiles while waiting in line at CVS. Thank you for your smile, Ryan!

**▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** In late January, former Apollo 11 lunar module pilot, Buzz Aldrin – the last living member of the epic Apollo 11 crew, first humans to walk on the moon – celebrated his 92nd birthday. Talking with him that day, he was cheerful as always, hopeful for America, happy to indulge wonder, dismiss controversy, and reflect. Buzz seems as dynamic as ever, somehow almost timeless, although these days sporting a well-trimmed white beard, hallmark depth in his eyes, and perhaps a bit more cerebral, although still enormously hopeful that Mankind will find a way to cooperate more fully in human space exploration, and America will lead the way back to the moon, on to Mars, and perhaps then beyond.

**2** Want to serve on the Indiana Supreme Court? According to Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush applications are due by noon on Feb. 4. Justice Steven David, who is stepping down from the bench after nearly 30 years as a judicial branch leader, is the open seat. Applications will be reviewed by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor. A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident and have been a member of the Indiana Bar for at least 10 years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references, educational transcripts and letters of recommendation.

**3** On Feb. 12, Turkey Run is highlighting the Mating Game! Springtime brings lots of bird songs and frogs calling. Fall is when the rut begins for white-tailed deer. Both natural occurrences are due to animals looking for a mate. Hear all about animal reproductive strategies during Turkey Run State Park's Nature's Mating Game. Enjoy dinner, desserts, a cash bar, and a glimpse at the adult side of the natural world. Tickets available online while they last.

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Photo courtesy of Indiana Weather Online

Get prepared for upcoming winter weather this week

## Get winter weather ready Montgomery County

The National Weather Service in Indianapolis released an urgent winter weather message. Winter Storm Watch in effect from Wednesday evening through late Thursday night.

- WHAT** - Heavy mixed precipitation possible. Total snow accumulations in excess of 4 inches and ice accumulations in excess of a tenth of an

- WHERE** - Portions of central, east central, southwest and west central Indiana
- WHEN** - From Wednesday evening through late Thursday night
- IMPACTS** - Power outages and tree damage are possible due to the ice. Travel could be very difficult. The hazardous conditions could

impact the morning or evening commute.

- ADDITIONAL DETAILS** - There remains some uncertainty on the path of the storm which could impact precipitation types and amounts

Monitor the latest forecasts for updates on this situation. For more information from the National Weather Service visit <http://weather.gov/ind>

## 1969 Outstanding Athlete... Coal Creek's Rick Haas

Another excellent player for the Coal Creek Bearcats in the late 1960s was Rick Haas, a four-year starter for the black and red at the guard position. As a freshman in 1966, Rick helped the Bearcats win their first Sectional when they defeated Crawfordsville, Ladoga, and New Ross to claim the crown. When outstanding guard Larry Lidester graduated in 1966, Rick assumed a major role in leading the team during the 1966-67 season. As a sophomore, he finished with a 16.4 average and was named to the County Tourney team. The Bearcats beat Ladoga in the final game 86-78 to claim the championship. In that contest, Rick scored 19 points, Lee Fouts tallied 17, and Denny Mennen was on fire with 31 points.



**BUTCH DALE**  
COLUMNIST

Ladoga's Jim Harshbarger pumped in 27 points for the Cannons.

During his junior and senior years, Rick became the dominating force in the Bearcat attack, as he was named most valuable player both years. He could shoot from anywhere on the court, and surprised opponents with his lightning fast passes. In the 1967-68 season, he upped his season average to just a little over 20 points per contest, good enough for fourth place in the county scoring race, behind Mike Mitchell of Waveland, Larry Grimes of Crawfordsville, and Don Threlkeld of Darlington. And in his last year at CCC, Rick topped all scorers in the county with a fine 21.9 average, just edging out Linden's super sophomore Daryl Warren. He was also named to the All-County and All-Sectional tourney teams both years. The Bearcats made it to the cham-

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## On the street where I live

I was waiting my turn, the other day, southbound at a "redneck round-a-bout". There a millions of these intersections, located throughout the world. We used to call them "four-way stops," but stopping is quite optional these days. Not only that, not slowing down before not stopping is quickly becoming the popular uptrend.

Lest you think I'm picking on our rural denizens at the country crossroads, let me remind you that there are tens of thousands of crossing intersections in metropolitan areas, as well. In this world of socioeconomic and geopolitical divide, not stopping may be the last projection of com-mon ground.

In some ways, I think many



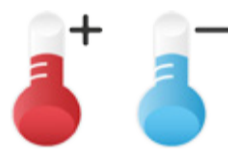
**JOHN MARLOWE**  
COLUMNIST

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:56 a.m.  
SET: 6:07 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 50 °F  
Low: 29 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**

- Change Your Password Day
- National Dark Chocolate Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates on its way back to Earth
- 1884 The first fascicle of the "Oxford English Dictionary" is published



**Births On This Day**

- 1894 John Ford American director
- 1901 Clark Gable American actor

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1966 Buster Keaton American actor, director, producer
- 1851 Mary Shelley English author

**▶ HONEST HOOSIER**

I know it's not accurate, but I always feel like this is the last month of winter.



**▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



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**▶ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"If a groundhog emerging from its burrow on Feb. 2 sees its shadow because of clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.

Pennsylvania Dutch superstition

**▶ TODAY'S JOKE**

What's a groundhog's favorite color?  
Ma-HOG-any!

**▶ OBITUARIES**

Madge Gill

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## OBITUARIES

### Madge Gill

Sept. 18, 1934 - Jan. 29, 2022

Madge Gill, 87, Crawfordsville, passed away surrounded by family and love at her home Saturday morning.

Born Sept. 18, 1934 in Metcalf, Illinois, she was the daughter of Joseph Pugh and Naomi Bartlett Pugh.

She waited tables at the Turkey Run Inn, worked at Donnellys and on the farm, but mostly she was a homemaker who took care of her family. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1952.

She married Dick Perry Dec. 14, 1954. They divorced. She married Joe Gill on May 31, 1975. He passed away Sept. 27, 2014.

Survivors include her children, Mike (Lori) Pugh, Rhonda (Don) Allison, Craig (Debbi) Perry, Susan Perry and Denise Conkright; step-children, Laura Jean (Greg) Gooding, Kathy (Tom Long) Page and Kenny (Debbie) Gill; grandchildren, Jacie, Sarah, Bobby, Shelby, Doug, Brent, C.J., Carli, Ashley, Jared, Kelly Jo, Dustin, Christopher, Jennifer, Stephanie, Eric, Lauran, Alli, Aerik, Lucy, Hayden, Bella, Kinzie, Lux and Mayvin; great-grandchildren, Logan, Gage, Blaine, Owen, Eevee, Baylee, Maddie, Cooper, Briley, Brinkley, Peyton, Kayden, Quenten, Clayton, Aniston, Zoe, Shelby, Ben, November, Hurley, Nora Grace, Kellan and Theo; three great-great-grandchildren; caregiver and special niece, Jackie Thompson; caregiver, friend and neighbor, Martha Ruffner; ten sisters, Carla "Betsy" Knight, Mettie "Lorraine" Cross, Nancy Kinkead, Nola Jane Parker, Mary Jo Farley, Janet (Ron) Lehr, Margaret "Peg" (Dave) Peebles, Carolyn Sue Thomas, Donna Poole and Candy (Greg) Gray; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, Joe Gill; sister, Beverly; and brother, John.

There will not be a public visitation. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Feb 1st at 1 p.m. at the Rush Creek Cemetery in Tangier, Ind., with Pastor Tim Lueking officiating.

Donations in memory of Madge Gill may be made to the Disabled American Veterans through the Crawfordsville VFW, 117 N. Water Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.



## The Year of Access: American Heart Association Advocating To Improve Hoosiers' Health



### American Heart Association®

The American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives, is working with lawmakers and policy makers throughout Indiana to improve the health of Hoosiers by expanding their access to programs and services that improve health outcomes, including addressing Indiana's maternal mortality rate that is the third-highest in the country.

**IN PROGRESS**  
During February – American Heart Month – the AHA will continue working with state lawmakers on two policies that address health inequities by increasing access to health services to some of the most vulnerable people in the state.

The first policy would increase enrollment in health care coverage (Easy Enrollment) by implementing an "opt-in" box on state tax returns for information sharing with state health exchanges, increasing access for the more than 200,000 Hoosiers needing free or low-cost healthcare coverage like Medicaid, Health Insurance Program, Children's Health Insurance Program or marketplace exchange.

The second statewide policy would increase access to postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months for all individuals who are eligible for Medicaid coverage by virtue of their pregnancy, helping address Indiana's abysmal maternal mortality rate.

The AHA supports

maternal health programs because women who have high blood pressure during pregnancy, gestational diabetes, preterm delivery, small-for-gestational-age delivery, pregnancy loss or placental abruption are more likely to develop cardiovascular disease later in life compared to women who have no pregnancy complications.

"These two policies mark a huge opportunity for Indiana lawmakers to show their commitment to the health of Hoosiers," said Mark Isenberg, chair of the AHA's Indianapolis board's advocacy committee. "Unfortunately, Indiana continues to consistently rank among the worst states in many health categories. By increasing access to coverage for both preventive and necessary care, we have the opportunity to help thousands of people live longer, healthier lives."

At the local level, the AHA continues to work with the Top 10 Coalition in Marion County to improve children's access to healthy beverages like water and low-fat milk by sponsoring a policy to make those drinks the first choice in restaurant kids' meals instead of sugary drinks.

**ACCOMPLISHED**  
In the meantime, the

AHA is celebrating three recent policies in Indiana that will positively impact Hoosiers.

"The AHA works with policy makers throughout the year in every corner of the state, so we're thrilled to celebrate several measures adopted recently that will improve health," Isenberg said.

At the state level, thousands of Hoosiers with high blood pressure may now have easier access to monitoring devices that will allow them to check their own blood pressure. In December 2021, the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning approved a policy request to expand coverage of blood pressure monitoring devices for the diagnosis and management of patients with hypertension and to address barriers to the implementation of self-measured blood pressure monitoring. The OMPP also removed a requirement for prior authorization, eliminating a barrier for patients receiving a device.

The AHA also played a role in two recent local health policies.

In Evansville, the City Council adopted a Complete Streets ordinance in October 2021 that improves access to sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks, helping

create a culture of health where people can safely go to schools, work, parks. The policy requires that all road construction and reconstruction projects create complete streets that are safe and convenient for diverse users and all modes of transportation statewide.

And in Indianapolis, the AHA helped pass a policy in August 2021 that increases water access in schools. The policy ensures that all newly constructed schools and schools undergoing major renovations will have water bottle filling stations.

"Hoosiers deserve the opportunity to live long, healthy lives," Isenberg said. "The American Heart Association is proud to advocate for increasing access to the things that improve health – whether that be access to health care, access to complete streets or access to healthy food and drinks."

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We are dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and powered by millions of volunteers, we fund innovative research, advocate for the public's health and share lifesaving resources. The Dallas-based organization has been a leading source of health information for nearly a century. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.



Photo courtesy of Crawfordsville District Public Library

Leo Reed Jay, age 4

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Leo Reed Jay, age 4, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten". He is the son of Sarah Reed Jay. Leo's

favorite book is The Big Book of Trains published by DK.

Mom said, "We love our library! The children's librarians are the best."

## Hoosier Housing Help Assistance With COVID

Indiana tenants and landlords can now find key resources for relief and recovery at HoosierHousingHelp.com. Hoosier Housing Help is designed to connect Hoosiers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with tools for pre-eviction support and federal funds for emergency rental assistance.

More than \$400 million in rental assistance has been authorized by the federal government for the state of Indiana. Anyone who has experienced financial hardship associated with the COVID-19 pandemic is encouraged to learn more about their options for relief and recovery.

The Indiana Eviction Task Force is working to ensure fair solutions are available for anyone involved in eviction matters. As part of the effort to create awareness on the resources available, the Task

Force is encouraging both tenants and landlords to visit HoosierHousingHelp.com for more information on receiving funds to cover past due rent, pay for future rent, reduce outstanding balances owed, or pay for utilities and home energy costs.

Free settlement conferences with landlords, tenants and a neutral facilitator are also available to allow all parties to explore solutions whether or not an eviction case has been filed. Participants in pre-eviction prevention or diversion programs—like fast-track facilitation or rental assistance—may be given time to complete applications and determine eligibility before a court decision.

Additional resources for legal aid and social services are also available on the Hoosier Housing Help website at HoosierHousingHelp.com.

At about the 1:45 mark of President Biden's marathon press conference last week, the pool camera panned from a questioner to the president, and in the sweep were Biden staffers in an adjacent hallway. In this fleeting image, more than one of them was fixated on their wristwatches. Later, Biden would do the same himself.

The glance at the wristwatch is dire political code, as Bush41 found out at one of his 1992 reelection debates. It signals that your mind is somewhere else, or that you would rather be anywhere else. White House staffers seemed to be feeling the pressure as President Biden navigated the press for almost two hours.

Here was a 79-year-old president, who had just brushed off a question from a Newsmax reporter about his mental soundness, taking a torrent of questions from a harsh and hostile press. "I think we've done remarkably well," the president said, as he recounted efforts to ramp up coronavirus tests and vaccine. "Nobody has ever organized a strategic operation to get as many shots in arms."

Gallup measured Biden's approval at an anemic 40% between Jan. 2 and 16, and for his first year, he averaged 49% approval. Republicans sense Biden blood in the water, citing the 7% inflation and the "disastrous" exit of Kabul last August.

A Pew Research Survey conducted Jan. 10-16 found President Biden and his Democrats face a daunting 10 months: 41% of U.S. adults approve of Biden's job performance,



BRIAN HOWEY  
HOWEY POLITICS

which is down slightly from September (44%) and substantially lower than last April (59%). Just 21% of the public is satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. Just 29% of Democrats express satisfaction with the state of the nation, down 18% since March.

Democrats, when they're not in circular firing squad formation, will say that Joe Biden entered office 53 weeks ago with a full plate: A pandemic that is projected to kill 1 million Americans by year's end; the sudden omicron surge that swamped hospitals near and far; runaway inflation that finished off the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter while wreaking havoc with Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan; the tormented Afghan pullout; and, now, the specter of the biggest European military invasion since World War II as the Kremlin smacks its lips at Ukraine.

And for kickers, there is the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection that has many Americans wondering if democracy in this republic can even survive the next two "Armageddon" elections.

President Biden sees glasses half full: The \$1.9 trillion pandemic

American Rescue Plan that brought \$13 billion in federal funds to Indiana; and the \$1.7 trillion infrastructure deal that will improve tens of thousands of bridges and roads and bring high speed wifi to the end of the road. The U.S. economy grew last year at the fastest pace since Ronald Reagan's presidency, expanding 5.7%.

In gauging Biden's tormented first year, it's worth examining where other television age presidents stood after a year in office. The four who were defeated for reelection three years later were all over the map, with President Jimmy Carter at 54%, George H.W. Bush at 80%, and Donald Trump at 38%. In August 1975, President Ford stood at 52%.

The presidents who were reelected had mixed polling after their first year: Dwight Eisenhower at 71%, Richard Nixon at 63%, Bill Clinton at 55%, Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan both at 49%.

Reagan, Clinton and Obama were all considered roadkill following their first mid-term elections. Reagan's Republican Party lost 27 House seats and one in the Senate after he spent his first year forging historic tax cuts while staving off assassin's bullets and the inflationary oil shock recession. In 1994, Clinton saw the GOP gain 54 House seats (including three in Indiana) and eight in the Senate. In 2010, President Obama's Democrats lost 63 seats in the House and seven in the Senate.

As most of us know, mid-term funk doesn't

mean exile from the White House. In 1984, President Reagan's "Morning in America" campaign forged an epic 49 state landslide win. In 1996, Clinton carried 31 states and D.C. for a 379-to-159 Electoral College win (with 49% of the popular vote) over Republican Bob Dole and independent Ross Perot after he declared "the era of big government is over." And in 2012, President Obama won 26 states and the District for 332 Electoral College votes in a 51.1-to-47.2% victory over Republican Mitt Romney.

A Politico/Morning Consult Poll released on Monday revealed some better news for Biden: He still holds slim leads over Donald Trump (45-44%), Sen. Ted Cruz (45-39%), Mike Pence (44-42%), and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (44-39%).

Wednesday's announcement by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer that he was stepping down is good news for Biden and Democrats. Biden has promised to nominate a black female justice, and this neutered administration, unable to get its Build Back Better megabill and voting rights bills passed, will now be energized by this SCOTUS nomination.

While America is as polarized politically unlike it's been in any time since the Civil War, there are a number of elements in play that would make declaring Biden and the Democrats toast premature at this point.

The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com



# So Del What Should I Do Now?

"Windy ... leave it to you to come up with something none of us ever really thought about before."

"Well, Del," Windy said to our one-man chamber of commerce, Delbert McLain, I figger you got more-a your finger on the pulsations of America than anybody else whoever lives 'round here."

Delbert's promotional agility is amazing to behold. Why, just the International Knife Sharpening Olympics by itself was enough to make a guy legendary, and it didn't even happen because they



Slim Randles  
Home Country

couldn't find enough dull knives to get it started. But the idea was worthwhile.

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merce to actively ... campaign for you. But you figure something out and stick with it, and my money's on you getting that degree. And if anyone asks

for a reference, you just tell them to ask me."

"Thanks so much, Delbert, you're the best. So what should I do now?" "Beats me," he said, "but I know you'll come up with something."

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# Soy Growers Want Off EPA's Deadline Merry-Go-Round

EPA has finalized a rule that pushes the deadline for oil refiners to comply with 2020 and 2021 blending requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which the agency previously extended in April.

The agency last delayed compliance deadline reporting for small refineries to Jan. 1, 2022, saying the delay was a result of not having released RVOs for 2020, 2021, and 2022. Now, the EPA final rule released Jan. 28 states small refineries have until the next quarterly reporting deadline after the 2021 quotas are established to fulfill them.

Brad Doyle, soy farmer from Weiner, Arkansas, and ASA President said, "EPA's merry-go-round of deadline changes just keeps spinning. Rather than stopping according to its own timeline to make these decisions, EPA keeps the biofuels industry and in turn farmers on an unwitting ride that simply does not end. Delaying these compliance deadlines facilitates a cycle of uncertainty that undermines the integrity of the Renewable Fuel Standard and stifles growth in the biomass-based diesel industry."

Overall, for all refineries and importers of fuel, the new compliance deadlines

for 2022 targets will be the RFS quarterly reporting deadline after the 2023 standards effective date or the 2021 compliance reporting deadline—which ever date is later.

The RFS has reduced U.S. dependence on foreign oil, lowered fuel prices at the pump, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and added value by increasing demand for the soybeans and corn our farmers produce. Biodiesel and renewable diesel provide a valuable market for more than 9 billion pounds of soybean oil, adding more than \$1.10 in value to every bushel of soybeans grown in the U.S.

EPA is currently undergoing a rulemaking process to update Renewable Volume Obligations for 2020, 2021, and 2022. The proposed rule would increase the 2022 RVO for biomass-based diesel—a move that ASA strongly supports.

The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean-producing states and more than 500,000 soybean farmers. More information at [soygrowers.com](http://soygrowers.com).

## IDEM Seeks Nominations For The 2022 Governor's Awards For Environmental Excellence

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. These awards recognize individuals and organizations which have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes.

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence are Indiana's highest environmental recognition and are open to all Indiana businesses, government agencies, individuals, and other groups that implement exemplary environmental projects or initiatives with measurable results. By seeking out and utilizing innovative environmental practices, organizations and businesses around the state have reduced waste, saved money, and contributed greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts.

"These are Indiana's most prestigious environmental recognition awards," said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuss. "Each year, the governor and I look forward to seeing the innovative projects employed by Hoosiers and organizations across the state."

IDEM and Governor Eric J. Holcomb's office will present seven awards, one in each of the following categories:

- Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources
- Environmental Education/Outreach
- Five Year Continuous Improvement
- Greening the Government
- Land Use/Conservation
- Pollution Prevention



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The public is invited to submit nominations, and organizations may self-nominate. An instructional webinar, eligibility requirements and details about the nomination process are available at [www.in.gov/idem/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence/](http://www.in.gov/idem/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence/).

Nominations must be received by IDEM no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Pollution Prevention Conference on September 21, 2022, at the Marriott Indianapolis North. IDEM also will issue a statewide press release announcing the seven winners and summarizing their projects.

For questions about the nomination process, or assistance in compiling your nomination, please contact 1-800-988-7901 or [GovAwards@idem.IN.gov](mailto:GovAwards@idem.IN.gov).

### About IDEM

IDEM ([idem.IN.gov](http://idem.IN.gov)) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

# CHEER LIVE 2022 Tour at TCU Amphitheater

CHEER LIVE 2022 Tour will break new ground in a first of its kind live performance touring across North America featuring athletes from Emmy Award-winning Netflix docuseries CHEER. Presented by Live Nation, CHEER LIVE will kick off its 38-date journey that will include a stop in downtown Indianapolis on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the TCU Amphitheater. Tickets go on sale to the public Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10am local time at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

CHEER LIVE presenting sponsor Rebel Athletic is proud to offer access to presale tickets beginning Tuesday, February 1 at 10am local time until Thursday, February 3 at 10pm local time. For complete details about presales and group sales for teams of ten (10) or more, visit [www.cheertourofficial.com](http://www.cheertourofficial.com).

Citi is the official card of the CHEER LIVE tour. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning Tuesday, February 1 at 10am local time until Thursday, February 3 at 10pm local time through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete presale details visit [www.citientertainment.com](http://www.citientertainment.com).

Bringing together fan favorites from the two most successful rival cheer programs in the country, Navarro College and Trinity Valley Community College, CHEER LIVE will feature 14x National Champion coach and best-selling author, Monica Aldama alongside cheer stars such as Gabi Butler and Morgan Simianer. The full cast features Maddy Brum, Angel Rice, Dee Joseph, James Thomas, Jeron Hazelwood, Gillian Rupert, Cassadee Dunlap, and more to be announced.

The premiere athletes all make mat for an electrifying exhibition of never-before-seen stunts and stage performances that are sure to have fans on the edge of their seats. Without the restraints of score cards, judges, and time limits, CHEER LIVE will transform the nail-biting sport of competitive cheerleading into a first of its kind premiere athletic event staged with the epic production value of a live concert.

"I'm so excited to cheer again and to have the feeling of performing and going on tour," says Morgan Simianer. "We are all coming together without the competitions and pressure — It's going to be so fun! I want all of the cheerleaders to see this and think, that can be me one day."

"The world has fallen in love with the stars of Cheer and we were convinced that their careers as

Cheerleaders should not come to an end after Daytona. CHEER LIVE will change the way the sport is viewed forever, allowing younger & aspiring cheerleaders to envision a future of cheerleading beyond the mat. These world class cheer stars are going to blow minds when they go FULL OUT this summer on the CHEER LIVE TOUR..." added tour creator and producer Jared Paul, Founder of Faculty Productions.

Season two of the Emmy Award-winning docuseries CHEER is now streaming only on Netflix. CHEER LIVE is created by Monica Aldama and Andy Cosferent.

To follow the CHEER LIVE tour journey, follow @cheertourofficial on Instagram. For more information please visit <https://www.cheertourofficial.com/>. The CHEER LIVE tour is not officially affiliated with Netflix.

## Registration Open For Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives

Untreated or ignored stress and mental health issues in rural areas impact quality of life, economic development and lives of farmers, the agriculture workforce and rural families. To raise awareness and help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health in the agriculture industry the Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives program was created by the Indiana Rural Health Association. Twenty-three free, one-day insightful workshops with subject matter experts will be conducted in 2022. The workshops will begin Feb. 10, 2022, in Mount Vernon, Ind. The series of workshops will continue in 22 other rural sites around Indiana through July.

"Our rural communities are the backbone of our Indiana economy, and we can make them even stronger by supporting mental health and reducing stressors at home and in our communities," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "These workshops will give our farmers the resources to help their neighbors and their family members who may be struggling."

The workshops aim to discuss the mental landscape in Indiana, highlight local resources, discuss telehealth options and contain information about the Purdue Farm Stress Program. The Indiana Rural Health Association will also present a training for the Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) program.

"We all know that farming is one of the most dangerous professions, and it is sadly also one of the most mentally taxing ones as well," said Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "Our department was honored to be awarded this grant from USDA and we believe using these funds in partnership with the Indiana Rural Health Association and Purdue Extension will greatly impact thousands of Hoosiers, and work to decrease the stigmas around mental health in agriculture."

The free workshops through the Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives program are open to the farming community, including agribusinesses and related service industries, the faith community, local leaders and families.

"The suicide rates among farmers are six times higher than the national average," said Kathy Walker, Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) program director for Healthy Minds - Healthy Lives. "Financial stress is always present, pressure to never lose the family farm is great, the work is physically and mentally stressful with long hours, social isolation and lack of confiding relationships."

Each one-day workshop is limited to 35 people, so individuals interested in participating are encouraged to register early.

Stigma and other issues that discourage people from

seeking help can result in higher suicide attempts and other mental health issues. These issues often are higher - even double - than in urban areas. Depression, suicide and other mental health struggles often rise during the seasonal times of planting and harvesting when stress levels are also higher.

These workshops are part of a partnership with the Indiana Rural Health Association, Purdue Extension and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). ISDA received a \$500,000 grant from the National Institute for Food and Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network in October of 2021.

The list of current workshops is below. To register for a workshop please click here or visit [indianaruralhealth.org](http://indianaruralhealth.org). Registration opens 30 days prior to each event.

Date; County; Town  
February 10; Posey; Mt. Vernon  
February 23; Owen; Spencer  
February 24; Boone; Lebanon  
March 9; Hancock; Greenfield  
March 10; Tipton; Tipton  
March 16; Kosciusko; Leesburg  
March 17; Fulton; Rochester  
April 6; LaPorte; LaPorte  
April 8; Jasper; Rensselaer  
April 20; White; Wolcott  
April 21; Warren; Williamsport

May 4; Montgomery; Crawfordsville  
May 5; Johnson; Whiteland  
May 18; Putnam; Greencastle  
May 19; Sullivan; Sullivan  
June 8; Daviess; Washington  
June 9; Dubois; Ireland  
June 22; Washington; Salem  
June 23; Scott; Scottsburg  
July 6; Ripley; Osgood  
July 7; Randolph; Winchester  
July 20; Huntington; Huntington  
July 21; DeKalb; Auburn  
For additional information about the Healthy Minds - Healthy Lives QPR workshops, please contact Kathy Walker by email: [kwalker@indianarha.org](mailto:kwalker@indianarha.org)  
Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives

**ABOUT ISDA**  
The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

## Deployed National Guard Soldier Seeks Assistance To Relocate Pup To America

Being Deployed overseas brings challenges for our troops. Harsh environments and being away from home and family can make the days feel long. There is one thing that helps lift their spirits, which is when they rescue a dog or cat living in horrible conditions. That's exactly what happened with Army National Guard Specialist Alexander, and now he's on a mission to relocate the dog back to his home in the United States.

"Being away from home so long the pets that soldiers rescue become like family," explains Dereck Cartright, a disabled veteran who is the stateside logistics coordinator at Paws of War. "When they bond with a rescued dog, it does great things for them, and we want to make sure we can help bring Sadie back home with Specialist Alexander."

Sadie, as she was named, was a puppy that Spc. Alexander found on Christmas. She was in near-death condition,



freezing, hungry, malnourished, and covered in blood. He took it upon himself to take her in, clean her wounds, and nurse her back to health. The puppy was shaking but wasted no time in bonding.

Each day, Spc. Alexander worries about her safety because they are stationed in a harsh environment. They are located in an area of the world where people do not treat stray dogs kindly. He is now on a mission to get Sadie back to his home in the America, where she can live out her life in safety with his family. She lifted his spirits and gave him something to look forward to.

"My life was uprooted when I was deployed, and it will mean so much to me to have Sadie with me, and bringing a smile to my face," says Spc. Alexander. "I can't imagine having to leave her behind when I leave. That would be devastating for me to lose her. I'm so thankful for the organization Paws of War for trying to help me to help this lonely puppy find a loving home in the U.S. The fact that she could be waiting for me back home is so motivating and important to me."

Relocating Sadie to the United States is something that Paws of War can do, but it's a costly mission. There are red tape, travel expenses, and veterinary expenses that need to be met before Sadie can be safely relocated to Spc. Alexander's home. Paws of War relies on the generosity of the community to help in such situations. Those who would like to make a donation to help can do so at: <https://pawsofwar.networkforgood.com/>

projects/151597-help-save-sadie.

Many service members stationed around the world rescue cats and dogs and become attached to them. The pets bring them peace and comfort, and put smiles on their faces. Paws of War has made its mission to help get those pets to safety in America when the time arrives. It has helped many service members to get their rescued pets relocated following deployment. To learn more about what it does or to make a donation to help support its efforts, visit the site at: <https://pawsofwar.org/>.

About Paws of War  
Paws of War is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides assistance to military members and their pets, rescues and trains dogs to be service dogs, and provides companion animals to veterans. To learn more about Paws of War and the programs provided or to make a donation, visit its site at: <http://pawsofwar.org>.





# Purdue Study Shows On My Way Pre-K Children Outperform Peers

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration today released the results of two studies that show children who attend On My Way Pre-K are better prepared for school and that the benefits continue well into elementary school.

"The studies show that Indiana's investment in high-quality early education for the children of lower-income families is helping our youngest learners achieve at their greatest potential for years to come," said Gov. Eric J. Holcomb. "Giving children a good start on their education pathway delivers a more well-prepared student and ultimately a ready to go workforce, both key elements to our state's future growth and opportunity."

The first study released today by FSSA is a multi-year longitudinal study demonstrating that children who attend the On My Way Pre-K program have stronger school readiness, language and literacy skills than their peers with similar family incomes who attend lower quality childcare or pre-kindergarten programs.

On My Way Pre-K allows 4-year-old children of low-income families to attend high-quality early education programs for a year before entering kindergarten. The study was conducted by Purdue University researchers from the Center for Early Learning. The study revealed that the pattern of On My Way Pre-K children outperforming their peers continued through the third and fourth grades, as measured in standardized Math and English/Language Arts scores.

Additionally, On My Way Pre-K children from the 2020-2021 school year matched up positively compared to national norms established for all prekindergarten children in the first annual Kindergarten Readiness Indicators assessment, conducted by the University of Chicago.

Results of both the Purdue study and the University of Chicago study are available here.

Purdue University longitudinal study results

Purdue researchers followed a sample of 376 children who attended an



On My Way Pre-K program rated as Level 3 or 4 on PATHS to Quality (Indiana's voluntary early education quality rating and improvement system) and a control cohort of 182 children who attended comparable prekindergarten programs that were either not participating in PATHS to Quality or were rated Level 1. Researchers examined whether children who attended On My Way Pre-K gained more skills than those in comparison programs. Indeed, On My Way Pre-K children performed better than comparison children on general school readiness skills, such as identifying shapes, colors and numbers and language

and literacy skills in kindergarten. The On My Way Pre-K students also tended to have higher performance on ILEARN English/Language Arts tests than the comparison children in grades 3 and 4.

"One of the unique features of On My Way Pre-K is that it includes programs that are operated in homes, centers, schools and religious settings," said Nicole Norvell, director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. "The children in the study attending various program types had similar outcomes, supporting the concept of a mixed delivery design of early learning, allowing fami-

lies to choose what is best for their children."

Kindergarten Readiness Indicators assessment results

The Kindergarten Readiness Indicators assessment was implemented for the first time in On My Way Pre-K classrooms statewide in the spring of the 2020-2021 school year. This assessment measures oral language, literacy and math skills prior to kindergarten entry. Researchers at the University of Chicago analyzed KRI data from 1,608 students of the 2,476 students enrolled in On My Way Pre-K programs across the state of Indiana in the spring of 2021 and compared their scores to national norms established for higher-income children. On average, On My Way Pre-K children scored at or above national target levels on 29% of the language and literacy skills and 40% of the math skills that were reviewed in the kindergarten readiness indicators assessment.

About On My Way Pre-K

On My Way Pre-K

awards grants to 4-year-old children from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program throughout the state.

Approved On My Way Pre-K programs may be in a public or private school, licensed childcare center, licensed home or registered ministry as long as that program meets the quality requirements and is registered as an On My Way Pre-K Provider. Families may choose from a program that is full-day or part-day, as well as from programs that end with the school year or continue through the summer.

More than 15,000 Hoosier children have attended pre-K through a grant from the On My Way Pre-K program since it began in 2015. The program, which started as a five-county pilot and then expanded to 20 counties in 2017, became a statewide program in 2019.

## Quarterfinalists Named in Indiana Chamber's Coolest Thing Made in Indiana Contest

And then there were eight. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's first ever Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament is hitting the home stretch with the quarterfinalists set. The competitors represent nine communities from around the state.

The Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest, which celebrates the state's manufacturing tradition, is sponsored by MCM CPAs & Advisors. Public fan voting for the competition is underway now at [www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing](http://www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing). Quarterfinal voting ends February 6 and overall on February 14.

In the single-elimination bracket, each winner goes to the next round until the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana champion is crowned February 15 at the Indiana

Chamber's Chamber Day Event at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. The competition started with 65 companies from nearly 50 locations in 35 counties. For fairness, an online randomizer generated the initial matchups.

The Coolest Thing Made in Indiana quarterfinalists are comprised of the following manufacturers, listed with the product entered and their location:

Hoosier Bat Co. – wood baseball bats used in Major League Baseball (Valparaiso)

Hudson Aquatic Systems LLC – underwater treadmills for dogs, horses and humans (Angola)

Janus Motorcycles – production motorcycle (Goshen)

Old 55 Distillery – bottled-in-bond 100% sweet corn bourbon (Newtown)

Trek Container Pools –

shipping container pools (Anderson)

Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions – mobile pet grooming salons and veterinary clinics (South Bend)

Warm Glow Candle Company – candles with "lumpy, bumpy exterior" (Centerville)

Wood-Mizer – portable sawmills; various uses include building houses and making baseball bats (Batesville and Indianapolis)

Learn more about each product at [www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing](http://www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing).

Entry in the tournament is free. To participate, a company did not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state. Companies are limited to having one product nominated for entry.

## AARP Indiana Is Now Accepting 2022 Community Challenge Grant Applications

AARP Indiana invites local organizations and governments across the state to apply for the 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant program, now through March 22, 2022.

These grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more. Now in its sixth year, the grant program is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live.

"We have seen across our state that these quick-action projects can lead to long-lasting improvements for Hoosiers," said AARP State Director, Sarah Waddle. "We are excited to get the 2022 Community Challenge kicked-off and see what ideas are submitted to help make communities across Indiana become great places for people of all backgrounds, abilities and ages."

Since 2017, the Community Challenge has funded over 800 projects nationwide, including 14 right here in Indiana. The program provides direct support to all community types, with nearly 40 percent of past projects benefiting rural communities, 20 percent going to suburban locations and 40 percent improving urban places.

AARP will prioritize proposals that support residents age 50 and over, are inclusive, address disparities, directly engage volunteers and aim to



achieve one or more of the following outcomes for all residents, especially people age 50 and older:

- Support communities' efforts to build engagement and leverage funding available under new federal programs through laws like the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and more.
- Create vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.

- Support a range of housing options that increase the availability of accessible and affordable choices.
- Ensure a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion while improving the built and social environment of a community.
- Increase civic engagement with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion.
- Other community improvements; including health services, community development, and coronavirus pandemic recovery.

The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Other types of organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to tens of thousands for larger projects.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. ET, March 22, 2022. All projects must be completed by November 30, 2022. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit [www.AARP.org/Community-Challenge](http://www.AARP.org/Community-Challenge).

About AARP Indiana  
AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. The Indiana office has been involved in issues affecting Hoosiers ages 50-plus, including providing more assistance for family caregivers, encouraging retirement savings, and encouraging local leaders to make their communities more livable. To learn more visit [www.aarp.org/IN](http://www.aarp.org/IN) and follow @aarpindiana on Twitter and Facebook.

## BUTCH From Page A1

championship game of the Sectional in 1969, but finished runnerup to Crawfordsville 72-63, as the Athenians' Kirk Links, Steve Templeman, and Bobby Reese proved too much to handle. (The Darlington powerhouse team that year ended up undefeated in the regular season and played at the Lebanon Sectional, where they won their first Sectional championship by downing Speedway in the final game 56-54. However, their chances of a Regional title ended when the Indians' shooting went cold and Crawfordsville pulled an amazing upset.)

Because Rick also excelled in baseball and track, he was selected by



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

### Rick Haas

the Montgomery County Coaches Association as the most outstanding athlete of 1969. After graduation, Rick headed to Indiana Central where he played two years on the junior varsity before moving up to the A-team his last two years. As a senior, he received the

team's mental attitude award for the same hustle, determination, and sportsmanship that he displayed in high school.

After the small schools closed in 1971 because of consolidation, the basketball fans of Montgomery County voted for the top players of all-time, and Rick was named as one of the best...a fitting tribute to one of the greatest basketball players to ever play for the Coal Creek Bearcats!

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

## MARLOWE From Page A1

of us are showing tremendous financial responsibility. Municipalities spend millions of dollars to construct elaborate traffic circles to keep traffic moving through an intersection. Instead many of us are achieving the same payoff by simply not stopping at stop signs. Big savings there!

Indeed, I have to apologize to other drivers. When I approach intersections, I'm afraid that I still hear the voice of my late Mother telling me that I must follow the rules. Eventually, I'm sure that I will get over that, but until then: I'm sorry that I cost you thirty seconds in

your busy day.

I can see how that can add up. If you end up behind me at one of these intersections each day going to work, that's a whopping two and one-half minutes I cost you each week. For the year -- and I'm assuming you get two weeks off for vacation -- I'd owe you a solid 2.08 hours of your time. Think of the Netflix™ you're missing!

Because I was actually stopped at the intersection, during that moment or two that it takes for other drivers to decide who is going to run the stop sign first, I had a brief chance to look

around. I noticed that I was stopped at a peculiar intersection. I was southbound on Windham Lake Drive and to the left was Windham Lake Road. To the right was Windham Lake Way, and I could see the sign for Windham Lake Trace.

Those kinds of observations make me wonder -- wonder like, how much anxiety medicine the mail carrier for those homes takes. Beyond that, I wondered what's the difference. What makes a road different from a way or a trace?

Turns out that there are no real rules for road names, but there are ac-

cepted conventions:

A Road is a long, narrow stretch of smoothed or paved surface for transportation. It -- along with a Route, Way, Course, or Passage -- is the most basic description.

A Street is a public way that normally has buildings (commercial or residential) on both sides.

An Avenue is usually larger than a street, and is lined with buildings or trees.

A Boulevard is a very wide avenue that has trees on both sides, and should have a grass or tree line down a center median.

A Lane is a narrow road, considered to be

the opposite number to a boulevard.

A Way is a side street off a road.

A Thoroughfare always leads to another street at each end.

A Drive is a long, winding road, which commonly follows the shape of its surroundings -- like lakes or mountains.

A Trace follows the topography of a slope.

A Court is a road or street that ends in a circle or loop.

A Highway is a main road that connects cities or towns.

A Close is British, and is always blocked at one

end.

Through this discovery I've learned that, even though the postal service considers my home to be on an Avenue, it is actually a Place. A Place is a road or thoroughway that leads directly to a dead-end, and the giant drainage ditch at the end of my road would surely qualify.

You're welcomed to drop by my house and see. This time, I suggest, you make it a point to actually stop when you get here.

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